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For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR IMPROVED FLUID CONTROL  
UTILIZING A U-VALVE EMPLOYING A BIDIRECTIONAL CHECK VALVE

Group: ~~Not yet assigned~~ 1743

Examiner: ~~Not yet assigned~~ J. Warden

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Chapel Hill, NC 27516

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above identified application as follows:

In the Specification

Page 1, before the first line, insert:

A --This is a division of application Serial Number 09/283,126 filed on March 31, 1999.--

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-27 and 31-35 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims: